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Redevelopment Board Minutes 03-27-2000

Members Present: John FitzMaurice

Nora Mann Roland Chaput Barry Faulkner Ed Tsoi

In addition: Alan McClennen, Jr., Secretary ex officio

Kevin O'Brien, Asst. Dir., Planning & Community Dev.

8:00 p.m. The Arlington Redevelopment Board convened in the second floor annex of the Town Hall to meet with Michael Collins, Brett Donham, and Richard Keshian to discuss amendments to the site plan at 78 Summer Street. Mr. McClennen briefly reviewed the actions leading up to this meeting, specifically the removal of several major trees on the site which were proposed to be maintained in the approved site plan for the project. Following extensive discussion, it was agreed that the developer would provide two new trees with the minimum caliper of 3 ½ inches in locations approved by the tree warden. This was moved by Nora Mann, seconded by Ed Tsoi, and voted unanimously by the Board. The representative of Modern Continental Engineering indicated to Mr. Collins that he agreed with this solution.

8:50 p.m. Subcommittee report: Nora Mann reported on the activities of the Affordable Housing Task Force.

Nora Mann reported on the status of the Zoning Bylaw Review Committee.

Roland Chaput indicated that the Open Space Committee was continuing to review goals and plans in anticipation of the updated Open Space Plan.

Mr. McClennen reported on the status of Vision 2020.

Mr. FitzMaurice reported on the review work of the Noise Abatement Committee.

9:00 p.m. Board to discuss positions on warrant articles.

Warrant Article 21: The Board took no position on this article.

Warrant Article 52: Mr. McClennen reported the reasons for the submission of 30 Water Street.

Warrant Article 53: Mr. McClennen reported on the reasons and the extent of the discussions relating to Symmes Hospital.

Warrant Article 54: The Board discussed the proposed land acquisition of the Mugar site.

Following a review of the articles, the Board took the following positions:

Article 52: Ms. Mann, Mr. Faulkner, Mr. Tsoi, Mr. Chaput voted the Board's support' Mr. FitzMaurice opposed.

Article 53: The Board took no position.

Article 54: The Board voted to support Article 54 unanimously.

Article 64: Transportation Study: Mrs. Spengler was present and requested the Board support the concepts set forth in Article 64.

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It was agreed that the \$50,000 sum proposed by the Finance Committee was probably enough to design the study. Motion: Moved by Mr. Tsoi, seconded by Ms. Mann, that the Board support Article 64 but recommend that the dollars be used in a strategic fashion to establish performance criteria for the ultimate study; unanimous vote in favor.

10:00 p.m. - Adjournment: Moved by Mr. Faulkner, seconded by Ms. Mann to adjourn; unanimous vote in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan McClennen, Jr.

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